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NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP

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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 66 (October 2004)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during October 2004.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On October 7, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a monthly progress report to EPA.
- On October 8, 2004, the Group's project coordinator provided a memorandum to notify EPA's project manager of a new mailing address for the Group's project coordinator.
- During October 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency continued to prepare for the public kick-off event related to the implementation of the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As noted above, the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to prepare for a public kick-off event for the SEP. The Group and/or the Madison County Community Development Agency will notify EPA as soon as arrangements for the public kick-off event have been finalized.
- Upon receipt of "model language" from EPA, the Group will continue efforts to establish institutional controls for the Taracorp pile property.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- During September 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency was unable to confirm the availability of the meeting location in Granite City. Accordingly, the public kick-off event for the SEP was not held on September 22, 2004 as previously planned. The Group and/or the Madison County Community Development Agency will notify EPA as soon as arrangements for the public kick-off event have been finalized.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- As noted above, the Group anticipates that the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to plan for the public kick-off event for the SEP.

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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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